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2011 MARGARITA & SALSA FESTIVAL

Waco, TX (August 27, 2011) – The Arthritis Foundation and the Extraco Events Center hosted the 16th Annual Margarita & Salsa Festival which was held Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the Extraco Events Center. Over 9,400 people attended the event and enjoyed great concerts by Gary Allan, Eli Young Band and Stoney LaRue. In addition, festival-goers had the opportunity to sample the best margaritas, salsa, queso and guacamole in town from the contest area. All proceeds from this event benefit the Arthritis Foundation and the Scholarship Program at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo.

Contests were held for the best margarita, salsa, queso and guacamole in town, and the winners were announced at the Festival:

Best Margarita – Restaurant

First Place Don Carlos
Second Place Elite
Third Place El Chico

Best Margarita - Individual

First Place Margarita Texas
Second Place Slimritas

Best Salsa – Restaurant

First Place El Chico
Second Place Don Carlos
Third Place Uncle Bubba's

Best Salsa – Individual

First Place Mandy Brannen
Second Place Kimberly Zapata
Third Place Kimberly Zapata

Best Queso – Restaurant/Individual

First Place Salsa with SAS
Second Place Chufs
Third Place Don Carlos

Best Guacamole – Restaurant/Individual

First Place Don Carlos
Second Place Trujillos
Third Place Uncle Bubba's

Best Decorated Booth

Chufs

Arthritis is the nation's leading cause of disability, affecting 46 million Americans – one out of three adults and approximately 300,000 children. The Arthritis Foundation is the only nationwide, not-for-profit health organization helping people take greater control of arthritis by leading efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases. For more information about arthritis or the foundation, visit arthritis.org or call 254-772-9303.

The Scholarship Program at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo and South 40 Committee awarded academic and livestock scholarships totaling over \$194,000 to students in McLennan County as well as surrounding counties for the 2010 school year! The main focus of the Scholarship Program is to recognize students who have worked hard and reward them with scholarship money for their future.

The goal of the Extraco Events Center, home of the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo, is to educate through entertainment and agricultural experiences as well as to become the center of entertainment in Central Texas. Held at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, TX, the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo is held annually with over 220,000 in attendance in 2010. The 2011 Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo will be held October 7-15. For more information about the Extraco Events Center, visit ExtracoEventsCenter.com.

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